

October 22, 2014
8:38 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present were Ed Simon, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Fred Springsteen, Jennie Scarborough, Kevin Greenwood, Paul Stangland, and Mark Saelens, City Council Liaison. Absent: Alisha Kern, Sandra Surber.

Staff/Guests Present were Parks and Recreation Director Protiva, and Rachel Peterson with Lincoln County.

Public Comment

None.

Action Items

MOTION was made by Greenwood to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting. Steinberg seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Director's Report

Protiva reported that he had attended the National Recreation and Park Association Conference and that it was a very good conference which enabled him to network with other professionals from around the nation. Protiva mentioned the large sign that had been erected on the property across from the Rec. Center. He had spoken with the owner regarding the foul language on the sign and how our patrons had to view it, even though his issue was with his neighbor. Protiva reported on the pump track issue and the need for the committee's trip to the proposed site. He noted that the proposed site had become somewhat controversial with adjacent neighbors due to the likelihood of additional people, traffic, and noise in the area.

Greenwood asked if the Rec. Center had program discounts for groups such as firemen and specifically the Coast Guard. Protiva noted that the School District and Rec. Center had a reciprocal agreement, so both entities could use each other's facilities at no cost. Protiva added that the Fire Department was part of the City and as such had free use of the facility as do all city employees. He noted that the Coast Guard were able to use the Rec. Center and Pool at no charge as do all active military people, which was a decision made several years ago by the City Council. Saelens added that he had attended the town hall meeting which addressed the Coast Guard helicopter support issue and that over 300 people were there and gave a standing ovation to the attending Coast Guard personnel.

Discussion: Smoking in City Parks

Protiva noted that the Committee had discussed this issue before and not made any recommendations or decisions to the City Council. Rachel Peterson from Lincoln County was in attendance and noted that she had developed a matrix using the questions and discussion from the meeting she attended in July. She noted that the committee would need to think about the parameters of the policy, whether it would include parking lots and sidewalks and how it would be enforced. Saelens asked how the legalization of recreational marijuana would fit into this policy. Peterson noted some of the more recent, stronger policies included a comprehensive term about

all smoking devices, regardless of substance, because that is easier to enforce. Protiva said that he would like to forward a proposed policy to the Council for adoption into the City Code, which would make it more enforceable. He noted that it would have to go to the City attorney and City Manager before it went to Council. Stangland questioned whether there should be a designated place for smokers spelled out in the policy. The Committee discussed ways that enforcement could be handled and the importance of public meetings regarding the entire issue. Peterson noted that the State is doing a full year of education regarding its new smoke-free parks policy. Protiva said that he would draft a memo to the City Manager stating the Committee's desire for this issue to be considered by the City Council and if they would like the Committee to continue on with the project or take it on at the Council level.

Sub-Committee Comments

None.

Develop Next Agenda

Saelens noted that he had 3 items that the Bike-Ped Committee had asked him to take to the Parks and Recreation Committee which they could address at November's meeting.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2014.

Adjournment

The Committee traveled to Coast Park to view the proposed pump track site where the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.